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HALLOWEEN



HALLOWE'EN FEAST MENU

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The last day of October, when the air is crisp and the autumn leaves blow around like dancing fairies, brings us Halloween, the night when witches and black cats are abroad and a spirit of mischief plays harmless jokes.

Halloween parties are planned and the hostess desires menus in keeping with the occasion.

It is always best to allow table decorations to carry out the idea, and plan only for appetizing and good-tasting dishes.

Apples are at their best in a large part of the country, and the yellow pumpkin adds its touch of color.

What could be more appropriate for a centerpiece than a scooped-out pumpkin, filled with bright red apples. Or fill this bowl with small chestnut roasters.

Make Table Attractive. It is possible to buy crepe paper covered with witches and black cats. These may be cut out, and when pasted on cards, they make attractive place cards. Of course one can buy place cards with the emblems of Halloween already on them.

The five and ten cent stores will sell paper and cardboard pumpkins cut out

to look like faces. These make attractive favors filled with nuts, candy or lollipops.

One can make these favors by cutting the tops from oranges. Scoop out the inside and then cut slits in the skin to represent mouth, eyes and nose. In the bottom of each skin drop some melted wax and place in the wax a small candle. When ready to serve dinner light the candles.

Bobbing for apples is a favorite Halloween game. Later, serve hot mulled cider with baked apples in it. Cookies go well with it too, and one can buy a cookie-cutter like a cat or a witch. The cookies so cut may be frosted with melted black chocolate.

This Sounds Good. A good dinner menu, subject to change, might be as follows:

Black Bean Soup
Garnish: hard cooked egg and lemon slices
Roast Tenderloin of Pork—garnished with small baked apples
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Turnips
Apple and Cherry Salad
Hot Cheese Sandwiches
Individual Pumpkin Pies
Nuts
Candies
Coffee

TOM SIMS' HALLOWE'EN

Halloween is one of our most unknown-about celebrations.

Apparently without any provocation that is what tonight is.

Its origin dates back even before the annual coal shortages.

While it only comes once a year it has seldom been known to miss.

It really is All Souls' Day, but all the sinners celebrate.

Yet, as a sage philosopher said, "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

If you have furniture you dislike just leave it on the porch.

William can get his eyes clean bobbing for apples in a tub.

Steal your own fence and gate and it will help with the coal bill.

This is the only way you can give the coal barons the gate.

People naughtily bunkering for a party can fling one naturally.

Your visitors will be guests because you guess who they are.

You will know which is witch but can't tell which is which.

When the cuts are served watch the goblin gobble.

Fortunes can be told tonight and misfortunes tomorrow.

King of spiders thinks you need a king of diamonds.

Four aces, you will be rich. Five aces, you will be shot.

Tea grounds in a cup bottom means it wasn't coffee.

Apple peels shaped like letters show they are not orange peels.

Count apple seeds. One with the most proves the early worm late.

Apples dangling from strings is an excellent string game.

Each is the apple of your eye because that is where it hits you.

Race, chewing opposite string ends, stops chewing the rag.

In this chewing match always give the men a two-foot start.

Blindfolded everyone and let them hunt thumbtacks barefooted.

Enjoyment is added if they carry lighted candles in both hands.

Hide and seek is fine. Seek to pull someone's flowers and hair.

Then the owner of the flowers seeks your hide and taps it.

The ghost really walks for those who get paid on the first.

All the pumpkin heads running around won't have candles in them.

The largest swinging bell in the world is one in a Catholic church in Cincinnati. Ohio. The bell weighs 12 tons.

A HALLOWE'EN PUZZLE

Here You Are Kids! Your Shears Will Help You Find Out Who Is in This Picture



On high she flies, up through the skies.

And 'cross the Milky Way.

To find out who she is, just do

As these directions say:

Cut out each of the little drawings and paste on separate pieces of cardboard, of the same shape. Then fit these various pieces together correctly and you will have a picture of a well-known Halloween character.

What You'll See Hallowe'en Night



Baker's Dozen of Hallowe'en Stunts

For a Halloween party, decorate your home with a few yards of red and white streamers or bunting, with jack-o'-lanterns, fall leaves and bunches of corn, and with white like bunnies from

long and start two guests on a race for it by showing the string, one at each end. The winner gets the rights as a prize.

Each time guests, one after another, on a round table half lengthwise on the floor, the first being to throw a needle in this position. There's a prize for this, too.

Name two chessmen, one after an engaged girl, the other after the man

black paper, line some of the samples given with this article.

On your menu, don't neglect the Fortune Cake. It contains a ring, a thimble and a dime. Whoever gets the ring will be married soon; the thimble means matrimony; the dime, wealth.

Everybody knows the game of bobbing down a streamer; a candle in one hand, in the other a nutmeg, held before the face, in the mirror you'll see a reflection of your future spouse—if your imagination enough.

Then, have each guest throw an apple racing over his head—no hands. Falling, it will take the shape of a letter, the initial of the person the experimenter is to wed.

Next let them try pouring melted lead, through a ring, into a dish of water. The shape the lead takes will suggest something or other. If it looks

like a torch, that guest will achieve fame; like a horn of plenty, riches; a bottle, a career as a bootlegger perhaps; and so on.

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Provide a number of little boats—one for each guest—from halves of walnut shells, with a bit of lighted Christmas candle in each. Set them afloat in a tub. The boats' engines will be the guests' voices. Some will drift away together. Some will drift apart. Some may be wrecked. The one whose candle goes out first never will wed.

The guests, after returning home, must place, each one, a glass of water, containing a silver of wood, beside his bed, or hers. During the night, the sleeper will dream of falling into a stream and being rescued by the man or woman the silverer is in wed.

Last Halloween Eve, wrote the poet Gay, "I looked lay down to bed, and tried a spell to call her up to me with wood and water standing by my side. I dreamed a dream, and saw my own

ghost to marry, and put them on a fire, waxed loud."

Two Good Hallowe'en Stunts

THE THREE PUMPKINS

At a Halloween party, three pumpkins were brought in, numbered as the ones shown above. The largest pumpkin was offered as a prize to the boy who could arrange the pumpkins in a row so they formed a number of three fig-

ures that could be divided by eleven. How did the winner arrange the pumpkins?

Solution. The boy turned the pumpkins upside down, like this:

1 9 8

HALLOWE'EN LAMENTS

Dread howls of gnomes, ghost wails and shrieks.

Thick night, thick winds and dread gloom whirl.

Spies take bats' wings; white trees shroud.

Demons glide; pale above black world. Each word in the above poem can be heard on Halloween.

Choose five words from the poem and place them in the five lines indicated by the stars. If you will find two lost words one reading from the upper left corner to the lower right, the other from the lower left to the upper right. The two hidden words tell who sounds are heard on Halloween.

Solution. W I T C H E S

B L A C K

T H I N G S

A R E

H E A R D

AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE GOBLIN BOOS ARE JUST IN FUN



By HAL COCHRAN.

"What is that face atop the corn?" said little Mary with deep scorn. "And is it trying to be at me so I will start to run? My mamma says that in the old, old days, and I'd best beware. But now, I know that spirits only come to have their fun."

So, little Mary, you can see, is just as brave as brave can be. "Aw, nuthin' ever scares me," says this little tiny tot. "I've heard about the flyin' witch, but shucks, she never made me twitch."

And Mary adds that scary things are really tummy-rot.

Say, have you heard the story old, about the sandwich braxo and hold? Why, how a fine old fellow, if you doubt it, ask your dad. Don't ever let

him scare you twice, is Little Mary's sound advice—He only comes to make you sleep—that ought to make you glad."

And then, the funny boogie-boos and folks who live in chimney flues—why Mary really likes them 'cause their friends of hers, says she. Or travel into fairy land, where toyish things are really grand, and everybody wants to get out side to you and me.

So, every little tiny tot, should, on this hallowe'en night, take little Mary's sound advice and keep all fright away. Don't shiver if the pumpkins boo—they only want to dance with you. So join the merry witches and the goblins in their play.

BACK TO DAYS OF THE DRUIDS AND OLD ROME

Halloween, Hallowe'en or All Hallow Even is the eve or night of All Hallow or All Souls' Day, Nov. 1.

But it antedates Christian times. On Nov. 1 the Romans had a feast to Pomona, goddess of fruits and woods.

Thanks for Harvest. On the same date, or thereabouts, the Druids held their annual festival to the sun, giving thanks for the season's harvest.

And that night, that the night be fore, Samhain, land of death, called to gather the wicked souls he had sent to the underworld.

On this year, it was then that, to gifts and incense, he might be in mood to please these spirits.

November, too, was one of the times for these same Druids to kindle their supposedly sacred fires.

However, the superstitions of pagans and Christians alike agreed that the night of Oct. 31, of all nights in the year, was the time when supernatural influences were strongest.

Weird Powers Abroad. Wraiths of the dead, it was long believed, wandered abroad on this night, together with witches, devils and mischief-making sprites and elves, and in some cases the spirits of living persons were able to leave their bodies temporarily, to join this ghostly company.

Hence, of all nights, it was the night for deception, and particularly for unimpaired young people to learn whom their false husbands or wives were to be.

Apparently, all persons are being lured to it at the worst or more of them, which is needed by various parts of the United States.

HALLOWE'EN IS MISCHIEF NIGHT

Halloween when it started far back in the mists of time, was the night when evil spirits were supposed to flock out of hiding and roam the earth, harassing and destroying.

And, today, children, we see the work of the evil spirits inherited and ably handled by Willie, Tom, Pat and the rest of the youthful "gang."

It illustrates how next to impossible it is to get a custom or superstition out of the human brain, once it gets there.

On the ancient agricultural calendar, Hallowe'en was a sort of New Year's Day. Harvest was over and the landlord called for his share of the crops by tenant farmers.

It was custom for him to arrive late in the evening and make merry at such pastimes as cider drinking and apple bobbing. When the fun was over and the landlord got down to business, it was early morning of November 1.

Probably this is why the first of the month is rent-paying day, instead of the 15th or any other date that would be just as logical.

Time was, when Hallowe'en was less a night of devilry and more a night of hospitality, good fellowship, roaring fireplaces, good things to eat and drink and delightful superstitions such as walking down cellar stairs backwards, carrying a candle and a mirror in which "her" future husband's face might appear.

The world never has enough of hospitality and good fellowship. Let's revive it, this Hallowe'en, and make the night of witches and goblins jovial as well as prankful.